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QUOTE: IN THAT RESPECT LIEVANO'S NOTION OF SPECIAL CONSIDERATION LOOKS BACKWARD. THE FUTURE, IT SEEMS TO ME, IS A LATIN AMERICA WITH INCREASINGLY DIVERSIFIED TIES TO THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE ASPIRATIONS OF MANY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES REGARDING THEIR ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA MAY BE GREATER THAN THOSE OF THE EXEUROPEAN COLONIES IN THE LOME PACT. IF THIS IS THE FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, THEN THE KIND OF SPECIAL PREFERENCES THAT LIEVANO SUGGESTS ARE REQURIED IN THE US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP SEEM ANAMALOUS. THEREFORE, I QUESTION WHETHER LIEVANO IS CORRECT IN HIS ASSERTION THAT MOST OF LATIN AMERICA WOULD DESIRE SPECIAL TIES WITH THE U.S., IF BY THAT HE MEANS, AS HE SEEMS TO MEAN, A PREFERENTIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP. PARENTHETICALLY, ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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MIGHT NOTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DARK SIDE TO OUR STABS AT

A PREFERENTIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP: AS WE NOW KNOW, WHAT
LIEVANO DEPLORES AS NEO-COLONIALISM REACHED A KIND OF PEAK
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